

produced two original documentary films, *Restrictions Apply*, about San Luis Obispo's history of housing discrimination and *Kut To Be the Best: The Last Black Barbershop* in San Luis Obispo, as a tribute to Black owned businesses and the importance of the cultural spaces created by them.

Courtney's work through R.A.C.E. Matters has opened the eyes of the community to the talents, contributions, and value of our Black citizens. Given that our county is but 2.2 percent Black, this is a tall order, but Courtney has been able to shine her light and lead the way toward this vision. San Luis Obispo County is better off because Courtney Haile lives here.

I am honored to recognize Courtney for her continued commitment to improving our community and the residents of San Luis Obispo County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Courtney Haile, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
TONAWANDA SUPERVISOR RON-
ALD H. MOLINE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Tonawanda Town Supervisor Ronald H. Moline, a native of Western New York. Ron was well-liked and well-respected as an educator, and served as a member of the Tonawanda Town Board for more than a quarter-century.

A graduate of Sweet Home High School and the State University of New York at Buffalo, Ron began a career as a high school history teacher with Buffalo Public Schools in 1964. In 1981, he embarked upon a political career in the town of Tonawanda, winning a grueling race for a seat on the Town Board. After the incumbent Supervisor passed away two years later, Mr. Moline accepted appointment to the position, and subsequently won election to the seat in his own right. Ron would move back to a seat as Councilman in 1993 and would again become Supervisor in 2000.

As Supervisor, Ron worked to grow industrial parks in Tonawanda, and worked closely with companies including General Motors, Dunlop, DuPont, and Praxair to both maintain current jobs in Tonawanda and grow opportunities for both corporations and local workers. Ron was an innovator in local government as well, establishing a Yahoo chat room in 2001 for concerned citizens to communicate directly with elected Town leaders, allowing them to be, as he said, more "close, available, and responsive to our constituents."

Madam Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to remember the life and accomplishments of Supervisor Ron Moline, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his legacy and extending our condolences to his family and friends.

APPRECIATING PRIME MINISTER
BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the statement issued on change of governance in Israel, by Jack Rosen, President of American Jewish Congress, was heart-felt on the service of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. "We also want to thank outgoing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his long-time service and leadership. Mr. Netanyahu has greatly contributed to Israel's progress, especially in strengthening the country's security, transforming it into an economic powerhouse, and advancing its standing in the international arena. Under Prime Minister Netanyahu's watch, Israel underwent an extraordinary rapprochement with the Arab world, as attested to by the historic normalization agreements achieved with several Arab countries. We wish him well."

A highlight of my service in Congress has been for me and my wife, Roxanne, to meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu in Jerusalem and Washington. As co-chair of the Israel Caucus, I know firsthand of his extraordinary dedication for the people of Israel.

I agree with Mr. Rosen. "We look forward to engaging with the new Israeli government to help take American-Israeli relations to new heights, to addressing critical regional challenges together, and to achieving sustainable peace and prosperity for all."

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

IN HONOR OF PAUL PLOTKIN

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Paul Plotkin. Born on June 19, 1921, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Mr. Plotkin is a veteran and a resident of Derry, New Hampshire. During World War II, he answered the call of his nation and joined the U.S. Army, serving with the 66th Infantry Division in Europe.

Mr. Plotkin endured great hardship during his military service. He was among the more than 2,000 American soldiers being transported from Southampton, England, to Cherbourg, France, aboard the troopship SS *Léopoldville* when the ship was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine on the evening of December 24, 1944. 763 American soldiers tragically lost their lives in the initial blast and the resulting sinking of the ship in the frigid waters of the English Channel, but Mr. Plotkin survived and made it to France. Although discussion of the *Léopoldville* disaster was censored in the aftermath of the tragedy, Mr. Plotkin preserved the memory of what he experienced and carried it on to today. Now, as a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617, Mr. Plotkin continues to honor the memory of his comrades and their sacrifice by supporting fellow veterans and speaking out about his experiences during the war.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to wish Mr. Plotkin a happy 100th birthday and thank him for his service to our nation. I hope that he has a wonderful celebration with his loved ones and fellow veterans. His sacrifice will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MIKE
DONNELLY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional career of Mayor Mike Donnelly of Double Oak, Texas. Mayor Donnelly's almost two decades of service in public office is a model of civic duty. As he retires following his fifth term in mayoral office, it is my distinct honor to recognize his service to our community.

Since he became a resident of Double Oak in 2002, Mike Donnelly has served his community faithfully as a volunteer and public servant. He was initially elected to the Double Oak Town Council in 2004 and served in that position for three terms before running unopposed for his first term of Mayor in 2009. Following his first mayoral term, he stepped away to care for his mother. He was re-elected to the Town Council in 2012 and his council colleagues appointed him as Mayor Pro Tem. Following the death of Mayor Tom Pidcock in July 2012, he was appointed to fill the Mayor's seat, a position to which he has been re-elected each succeeding term. During his public service, Mayor Donnelly has maintained a full-time professional career with American Airlines for over thirty years.

The Town of Double Oak has prospered under Mayor Donnelly's leadership. This North Texas municipality continues to boast one of the lowest income tax rates in the State of Texas, thanks in large part to the efficiency and skill of Mayor Donnelly's administration. Last year, Mayor Donnelly and the Town Council's successful infrastructure, police, and education initiatives culminated in Double Oak being named the "Safest City in Texas." Mayor Donnelly's outstanding civic achievements and personal philanthropic contributions are to be applauded.

On behalf of the 26th District, I am privileged to congratulate and thank Mayor Mike Donnelly as he steps down after a long career of estimable public service. Best wishes to Mayor Donnelly as he returns to private life. His positive impact on Double Oak will continue to benefit its citizens for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TENURE
OF ORANGE COUNTY SANITA-
TION DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR-
MAN DAVID JOHN SHAWVER

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tenure of the City of Stanton Mayor David John Shawver as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District